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Replacement of Springhill Lake Proposed at Design Charette

by James Giese

Nearly 3,000 Springhill Lake (SHL) apartment units will be torn down and replaced with 4,500 modern apartment units over a period of six years, if a concept plan discussed at a design charette held January 13 in the Sheraton Hotel in Calverton is realized. Not only will the existing apartment buildings be replaced, but also the Springhill Lake Elementary School and the city's Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The new apartments would be a mix of three-story six-plexes, townhouses, four-story U-shaped perimeter block apartments (Texas doughnuts), luxury apartments and twin tower buildings. Where the elementary school is located there would be a large lake and a monumental clubhouse type of building with an indoor pool.

The plan would cost the apartment owners, Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), an estimated \$540 million. It would be done in phases, with existing residents relocated to other buildings by AIMCO if they have not already relocated on their own. There is a high turnover rate in SHL. Although rents for the new apartments would nearly double, five percent of the units would be subsidized at rates comparable to those now existing in SHL.

Generally city and county representatives in attendance seemed pleased with the concept presented. They were also pleased that AIMCO was willing to consider such a significant investment



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Urban Planner Andres Duany of Duany Platter-Zyberk & Company explains to those attending the Springhill Lake charette his firm's concepts for rebuilding the apartment project.

in the city and county and willing to tear down an apartment project that is increasingly a matter of concern to many. City Councilmember Edward Putens said the proposal presented an opportunity for change. "If you don't change Springhill Lake now, it will change Greenbelt."

Charette

AIMCO sponsored the charette. Andres M. Duany of Duany Platter-Zyberk & Company (DPZ) conducted it. DPZ is an internationally-recognized design firm located in Florida that planned the community of Kentlands in Gaithersburg. Attending were representatives of the City of Greenbelt, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County school system, the Prince George's County Department of Economic Develop-

ment and the Beltway Plaza shopping center, which is located next door to SHL.

Unlike the charette conducted many years ago for the redevelopment of Roosevelt Center in historic Greenbelt in which several teams of architects, officials and citizens worked independently on redesign plans, all design work in this charette was done by personnel of DPZ. AIMCO representatives and others invited to the charette reacted and commented upon the planner's work.

Much concept design work had been done before the charette. Duany, the principal spokesperson for the planners, presented the firm's concepts. Where there were serious challenges to their work, a group of designers from the firm would

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City to Continue Regional Red Light Program with New Server

by Sandy Smith

At its regular council meeting on January 12, the Greenbelt City Council chose to continue its participation in a regional red light program, evaluated snow removal during the big snow of 2003 and held fast against building new ramps and access to the Greenbelt Metro station.

Red Light Coalition

Council members agreed with staff recommendations that Greenbelt continue in the regional red light program even though the decision requires a change of vendor for the red light cameras and services. Howard County, which leads the coalition, initiated a competitive bidding process to select a vendor for this service at the expiration of the current agreement with Traffipax. In a comparison of costs, technology and level of service, Howard County selected LaserCraft.

Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach voted to remain in the regional program. Davis cited some concerns with Traffipax. She pointed to a memo from Corporal Marty Parker which listed some problems, including difficulty in reading the tickets, lack of continuity in leadership of the company and some questions on billing.

Davis also wondered how the company could now provide the service at a price considerably lower than that which the company currently charges the city. Traffipax Executive Allen Shutt explained that the lower cost proposal was made in an attempt to get the city to leave the coalition and deal independently with Traffipax.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Police Chief James Craze spoke out strongly

in support of staying with the regional program which includes – in addition to Howard County – Montgomery County; nearby Hyattsville, Cheverly, Laurel, Rockville, Landover Hills; and other jurisdictions throughout the state. Traffixpax's other local customer is Forest Heights.

Craze described the advanced technology offered by LaserCraft, such as the above-ground laser technology, digital cameras and secure data transmission. He said the citations issued by LaserCraft are clear and easier to read by judges and violators alike.

Another advantage of remaining with the regional program is that the city will not have to build the staff infrastructure to manage the program. Greenbelt can continue its agreement with

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Charette Participants React to Possibilities

by Dorothy Sucher

Brilliant solution to a long-festering Greenbelt sore spot or Never-Neverland scenario that would, if realized, bring new problems in its wake – whatever proves to be closer to the truth eventually, AIMCO's proposal to tear down the Springhill Lake (SHL) apartment development in stages and build a very different kind of housing community on the site is a daring and imaginative concept.

AIMCO, the owners of Springhill Lake, and their chief planner Andres Duany, one of the founders of the "New Urbanism" movement, revealed their initial plans at a two-day charette January 12-13. (See separate stories for details).

The event was attended by many public officials, professionals and other interested parties. The proposed development would have 4,500 units, 50 percent more than the present 3,000, involve moving the elementary school and perhaps also the recreation center and include a new shopping area and a lake.

Reactions varied, but the scope and thoroughness of the presentation as well as the openness to input from the community were regarded favorably. Many of the comments seemed to reflect a sense of gratitude that someone was prepared to put up the money and do the massive amount of work required for a radical solution to the high turnover, crime and persistent social problems that have dogged west Greenbelt.

Joyce Chestnut

The charette itself was "intense," according to Joyce Chestnut, a member of Greenbelt's citizen Advisory Planning Board and 36-year resident of Springhill Lake. Chestnut was active in the SHL Neighborhood Watch and the Civic Association, both of which expired when most of the original activists moved out of the development.

After the two-day charette, Chestnut said, "I had a headache – but it was a good headache because everyone there worked so hard. It was a very positive experience and the architecture team was on the ball. AIMCO put in a good effort and invited the right people to sit in."

Chestnut was impressed by

the planners' ability to listen but thought the plans "might be a little too grandiose" in terms of the size of the proposed new project. She stressed the importance of building a good school and recreation center.

Asked whether as a long-term SHL resident she would feel any regret if the place were torn down, she replied, "I have no nostalgia. I came here as a young bride and raised my kids here – but these are just boxy garden apartments. It's time for a renewal."

Mayor Davis

Mayor Judith Davis singled out several areas that concerned her: the proposed relocation of the school and recreation center, the fate of the present SHL tenants and the question of whether bureaucratic and financial issues could eventually prevent AIMCO from carrying out its plans.

She noted that at present SHL is 100 percent so-called "affordable housing," while the AIMCO concept calls for only 5 percent. Although noting that turnover in the development is at present about 50 percent and there are certainly problems, she commented that there are also "decent folks just looking for something they can afford and trying to be good citizens. Where are they going to go?"

The mayor also worried that maintenance in the present units might go downhill. "I don't want everything else falling into rack and ruin because the owners are spending all their money on building."

Davis, a schoolteacher for 35 years who has just begun her fourth term as Greenbelt's mayor, was cautious about the AIMCO planners' proposal to tear down the present SHL school and build a new one on Board of Education land near the Greenbelt Middle School. The planners also proposed tearing down the SHL Recreation Center (presently slated for enlargement by the city, which has already allocated some money for the project) and building a new one between the middle school and the proposed new elementary school. The recreation center would then also occupy Board of

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 24

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Buddy Attick Park

Monday, January 26

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, January 28

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum Report, Community Center

Friday, January 30 – Deadline for Forest Preservation Task Force

Letters to the Editor

Misses R. Rhubarb

After digging out some unread newspapers I came across the October 23, 2003, News Review and the article about “A Greenbelt Gardener.” I was excited to find out the true identity of Rosie Rhubarb and also saddened by the end of the series.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the column over the years, finding it to be timely, succinct, simple and appropriate for the challenging Greenbelt gardens that are often filled with too much shade. I always felt as though I was benefitting from someone else’s years of trials and tribulations and accumulated wisdom. I will miss the column and the gentle direction and motivation it provided to think ahead so that it would be possible to reap the benefits later.

Many, many thanks to Betsy Likowski for her years of dedication and service to our Greenbelt community and our gorgeous yards!

Katrina Boverman

Not Too Late to Add Missing Walkways

Does anyone notice that with all the good things to appreciate about Roosevelt Center, the Community Center and the Greenbelt library, there is a badly missed element?

What kind of pedestrian connection walks you through the parking lot (and in a planned community) to go from one activity to others? In the original design for the parking lot, a direct walkway was to be constructed between the shopping and Community Centers, with room for planting, too. The redesign of this area abandoned this connecting walkway and abandoned us to walk with cars and lament what might have been but we can hope for what can be done now to improve this. It’s not too late.

Joanne Murphy Volk
Landscape Architect

THANKS

The Siegel family would like to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the people who came forward over the past few weeks to show their love, sympathy, support and general concern on behalf of PJ Siegel as she battled to beat the leukemia which took her life on January 14.

In particular, the Siegel family would like to extend special thanks to the members of the Greenbelt City Council, the Office of Congressman Steny Hoyer (Md.), the Office of Senator Paul Sarbanes (Md.), the Office of Senator Barbara Mikulski (Md.),

the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy (Mass.) and the Office of Senator Dick Durbin (Ill.), who all came together in the eleventh hour, worked diligently and selflessly, to assist us in getting an experimental medication from Northfield Laboratories, Ill., in a last ditch effort to try to save PJ’s life.

The Siegel family would like to recognize the efforts of Councilmember Edward Putens for helping to familiarize us with Food and Drug Administration protocols and regulations, without which we would not have been able to get the experimental drug, PolyHeme, from Northfield Laboratories to give PJ a fighting chance of beating the autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) that landed her in the I.C.U. at the V.A. Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Additional thanks are in order to Councilmember Konrad Herling for quickly responding to our plea for help and to Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin for putting together the Letter of Support that Greenbelt City Councilmembers collectively signed and routed to the Board of Directors at the drug companies whom we were requesting assistance from with regard to the experimental drug for PJ.

While it is with profound sadness that we must accept that PJ Siegel died from this illness, it is equally important to note that one of her hematologists pointed out on the day that PJ died that she had “won the battle, only to lose the war.” This was an affirmation that PJ had begun to show signs that she had actually beaten the AIHA condition. In this regard our efforts to help save her life were not in vain and we can take some small consolation knowing that they made it possible for PJ to regain consciousness long enough to see and hear her daughter Shaine at her bedside, so there could be some closure with family members.

Had PJ recovered, we have little doubt that she would have been both truly amazed and eternally grateful for the way in which the many citizens of Greenbelt rallied to her side. This display is a testimony to the cooperative spirit of the people that live here and further proof of why Greenbelt has been and continues to be a great place to live and why PJ was proud to call Greenbelt her home.

Trevor Siegel,
Marc A. Siegel
for the Siegel Family

Lombardo to Manage GIVES Office Duties

by Virginia Beauchamp

Following the recent death of GIVES’ general office manager Kate Connolly, who had held the position for several years, GIVES president John Taylor called an emergency meeting to strategize how to deal with this significant loss to the organization. A major commitment of the volunteer organization, which focuses on meeting the needs of senior citizens, is a telephone call-in center.

At this center, located in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center, requests are received and calls made to locate other members willing to perform whatever service is requested. GIVES – short for Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service – puts together persons with needs and those willing to meet those needs. Vital to this exchange is the volunteer who takes the request calls and, using the GIVES directory of members, locates someone able to fill the request.

This volunteer is sometimes the office manager, but also sometimes another person when the office manager is busy with other functions, especially the recording by computer of various other necessary information. On such days, two persons may be at work in the GIVES office.

New Manager

At the emergency meeting on January 7, Jean Lombardo was asked to take on the position of office manager, which requires computer skills. Members were pleased when Lombardo agreed to serve in that capacity. Ruth Huggins, Lombardo and Pearl Siegel agreed to handle switchboard duties on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays respectively, with John Taylor filling in as necessary.

The organization seeks further volunteers to handle telephone duties on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each hour of volunteer service earns an equivalent hour of time for volunteer assistance. GIVES office hours are 10 a.m. to noon on Monday through Friday. The phone number is 301-507-6580. Those interested in joining the organization may call the same number. Currently just under 200 people are members.

Students may also serve as volunteers in order to complete volunteer credits necessary to graduate. Greenbelt students may request application forms at the number above. An answering machine will take messages when no one is staffing the office.

GAC Presents Dr. Cook's Garden



"Dr. Cook's Garden" runs through January 31 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 25.

Corrections

It is always the intention of the News Review to bring accurate news to the community while reporting it in a way that does not add unnecessary pain for already grieving families.

Concerning the report of the crash on Crescent Road on January 6 that took the lives of Graciella James-Hinds and Jovanni Phillips, we have learned the following from MPO George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department: while the accident is still under investigation, the officers involved report that speed was not a primary factor and the extent of the damage to the vehicles is probably not inconsistent with both vehicles traveling at about the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. When one adds those two speeds, the effect of the impact on the small car hitting the truck is that of running into a wall at 60 m.p.h.

In completing this story at deadline, the News Review erred in relying in part on widely-reported television newscasts of this terrible accident. The News Review deeply regrets indicating that the young driver of the Honda Civic was traveling at excessive speed.

Although “PJ” initially stood for “Pamela Jeanne,” when she was a child, PJ Siegel was known to everyone as “PJ.” Accordingly, the News Review should have identified her as “PJ” and not “P.J.”

PJ Siegel was never married. She was either Miss Siegel or Ms. Siegel, but not Mrs. Siegel, a single mom, raising her daughter on her own.

Her daughter’s name is Shaine. It was misspelled in last week’s notice.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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“Shear Madness”
With Greenbriar

Think that murder is no laughing matter? Haven’t seen “Shear Madness?” Greenbriar Condominiums is planning to form a group of individuals interested in seeing the Kennedy Center’s matinee production of “Shear Madness” on Sunday, March 13. Join friends and neighbors to receive reduced group tickets to this comical murder mystery. The Wall Street Journal calls the play “One of the great successes in theater history.”

Tickets to “Shear Madness” are likely to go quickly and must be reserved in advance. Call Sarah Phillips, Greenbriar Condominiums’ community affairs director, at 301-441-1096 to reserve a ticket by Monday, February 2.

Thomas White
To Be Honored

Former Councilmember Thomas X. White will be honored for his 30 years of service on the Greenbelt City Council with a dinner at Martin’s Crosswinds on Sunday, February 8 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. sponsored by friends and colleagues. Those serving with White in his various capacities and those grateful for the many hours he spent helping to keep Greenbelt a great place to live are encouraged to join in this celebration of his years of service to the community.

In addition to serving as councilmember and mayor pro tem, White represented the city at a number of government organizations, such as the Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Maryland Municipal League, the Prince George’s County Municipal Association and the National League of Cities. During this time he also served in a variety of civic organizations. Before his election to council he served as a director of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

For additional information on this event, contact Dea Zugby by phone at 301-345-2065 or by email dzugby@aol.com.

Soccer Sign-ups
At Youth Center

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club announces spring soccer registration. Sign up at the Youth Center Tuesday, January 27 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 31 from noon to 1 p.m.

If new to the club, bring a copy of one’s birth certificate, proof of address and a copy of a small photo, which will not be returned, along with a check or money order payable to the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

To learn more, call Luella Tabor at 301-794-0100, ext. 7.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of January 23, Judge Hering held registration for the winter session of the GED course. The course meets for 10 weeks and helps students prepare to take the GED test. Five students enrolled in the course.

Teresa Smithson and Kate Carrigan, MSW intern, interviewed students for the Greenbelt Middle School discussion groups. Group meetings began on January 21. Greenbelt Middle guidance counselors Wayne Davis and Brenda Fishman co-lead the groups with Smithson and Carrigan.

Community Events

At the Library

Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 18 months with caregiver.

Wednesday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for ages 18 to 36 months with caregiver.

Thursday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

USA Patriot Act Is
Topic at Synagogue

Johnny Barnes, executive director of the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen will give their views on the USA Patriot Act as a Jewish issue on Sunday, January 25 at 11 a.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Members of the community are invited to come learn from the speakers and ask them some tough questions. For more information, contact Benton Parks at 301-474-8617 or via email at benparks58@yahoo.com. Mishkan Torah congregation is located at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway.

Greenbriar Night
At Arts Center

The Greenbelt Arts Center has declared Saturday, January 24 “Greenbriar Night.” The Center will donate 5 percent of ticket proceeds for that night’s performance of “Dr. Cook’s Garden” to the residents of 7806 Hanover Parkway. A special reception has been scheduled to follow the performance.

A three-alarm fire that broke out shortly before 10 p.m. on November 21, 2003, took the life of Mary Alice Carroll and left all 15 homes of 7806 Hanover Parkway uninhabitable. While the loss experienced by the residents of that address is immeasurable, surrounding neighbors, businesses and organizations have shown tremendous concern and support. To date, over \$6,000 has been raised and evenly distributed among those residents. The total collected continues to rise daily.

There is a fee for tickets to “Dr. Cook’s Garden.” Call 301-441-8770 to reserve tickets in advance. Donations in addition to the allotted percentage of ticket proceeds may also be made. Checks should be made out to “Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II” with “Fire Relief” indicated in the memo field. Donations may be sent to Greenbriar Condominiums, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Suite 101, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or dropped off on “Greenbriar Night” at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway.

GHI Notes

Meetings for the week of January 26 include:

Monday, January 26 – Pre-purchase Orientation, 7:15 p.m., Board Room

Wednesday, January 28 – Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room.

Thursday, January 29 – Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

The Board of Directors meetings for February will be held on February 12 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Explore Wetlands
And Water Gardens

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Park Ranger Kate Bucco on Friday, January 30. Bucco will take participants on an exploration of the National Park Service and its administration of many special places, including some in this area. Just down stream from Greenbelt is the beginning of Anacostia Park. The area north of Benning Road is administered as a natural area, preserving the original wetlands of Washington, D.C., restored habitat for egrets, eagles and otters and 12 acres of exotic water flowers in a historic landmark.

A slide presentation will take participants through the magic of this area where water, sky and land meet in a dance as old as time. Discover the rare beauty of original Washington and the delicate flowers grown in a man-made area. See how the wetlands support not just the aquatic garden, but a better world for all.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Club members enjoyed several games of bingo at the meeting on January 14. Thanks to Betty Deitch as greeter of the day. Ruth Swoben and Lenny Holohan were the lucky winners of the 50/50.

March 16 there will be a trip to Chesapeake City on the Eastern Shore. The group will leave at 8 a.m. and there will be free time to enjoy the many shops and visit the Canal Museum and then on to Queenstown outlets for more shopping. Lunch is included in the fee. This looks like a great day trip. Call 301-345-1974 for more information.

Welcome to our new member Holly Tayman.

Mayor Judith Davis will speak at the January 28 meeting.

Come out and enjoy the meetings on Wednesdays at the Community Center. There will be no meeting if the schools are closed for snow.

Register for ESL,
GED, ABE Classes

Registration for Prince George’s County Public Schools Adult Education Classes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School was held on Monday, January 12. There are still spaces available in all levels of ESL classes, Pre-GED and GED classes and the ABE reading class.

Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 24 nights or a total of 60 hours of instruction. Most classes are free with a fee for books. There is a fee for the GED class and the Advanced ESL class.

Placement testing is administered to determine student class assignment. Classes begin on Monday, January 26. That will also be the night for late registration. After placement testing, students will go directly to class. For information call 301-345-1033.

Stevens Exhibits
At New Deal Cafe

An exhibition of new “Green Paintings: Formal Gardens and ‘The Farm’” by Barbara Stevens will be shown at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center during the month of February. The reception is Sunday, February 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited.

Stevens had been painting in New Mexico, working with the desert landscape merged with native designs, before moving back to Greenbelt with its overwhelmingly green trees and shrubs along highways, in backyards and in surrounding woods. All this green inspired the artist to create the paintings in her new show.

The exhibit includes views of formal gardens in the area, including Dumbarton Oaks and the U.S. National Arboretum. The artist takes pleasure in looking at hard-edge geometry applied to nature and in using a juxtaposition of colonial quilt designs with trees and sky. The show also includes new works from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center where the artist enjoys viewing the golden fields.

“Green Paintings: Formal Gardens and ‘The Farm’” is supported by funds from the Prince George’s Arts Council granted to the Friends of New Deal Café Arts.



Free Counseling
Available for Seniors

In response to the City of Greenbelt’s Election Questionnaire 2003, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program has partnered with Helen Barnes, RN-C from the Department of Family Services/Aging Division, to provide free one-time consultation for seniors on issues related to family or other personal topics. The sessions will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center in the Gallery Room on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning January 28.

For more information or to schedule a one-on-one session call Helen Barnes at 301-699-2795. Clients needing additional services will be referred to appropriate providers.

Greenbelt Lions
Hold Blood Drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, in cooperation with Doctors Community Hospital will be held on Friday, January 30, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at Doctors Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham, on the 5th Floor Annex, Room DSE. To make an appointment, call Mary Dudley, at 301-552-8060. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Join the Celebration
honoring
Tom White
For his 30 years of service on the
Greenbelt City Council
Sunday, February 8th, 2004
1:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Martin’s Crosswinds
Greenway Center Drive

Buffet \$35.00 per person: Cash Bar

Information contacts - Bob and Dea Zugby, 301-345-2065
or email dzugby@aol.com
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Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

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Registration dates:
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Tuesday, January 27, 7-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 31, noon-1 p.m.

If you are new to the club, please bring a small picture, proof of residency, birth certificate or passport, sports fee of \$65 payable by cash, check or money order. Don’t forget to ask about family discounts.

For more information, call Luella Tabor
at 301-794-0100 Ext. 7.

Obituaries

PJ Siegel

PJ Siegel died at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, D.C., at 5:25 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, following complications from Acute Myeloid Leukemia (cancer). She was 44.



Ms. Siegel was a retired major in the U.S. Army, a former president of the Greenbelt Lions Club, a contributing founder of the New Deal Café and a contributor to the Greenbelt Arts Center Art Auction. She was also a contributor of time and energy to the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, especially in 1999, when her daughter Shaine was crowned "Little Miss Greenbelt."

Born on May 15, 1959, approximately five minutes after her twin brother Marc, Ms. Siegel was raised in Greenbelt, attending the Center Elementary School (now the Greenbelt Community Center) with her brothers and sisters. After graduating from Parkdale High School in 1976, she attended Frostberg State University (FSU), where she was an assistant coach for the Varsity Football Team before graduating in 1980.

Ms. Siegel was also involved in the ROTC program at FSU and enlisted as an officer in the U.S. Army after graduating from college. While she was on active duty she was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and also served overseas in Belgium. Ms. Siegel rose to the rank of major before she retired from the U.S. Army.

After returning to civilian life, Ms. Siegel worked for Northrop Grumman until the leukemia made it impossible for her to continue.

Ms. Siegel was a frequent player of an online game known as Acro Challenge; many people knew her there by her screen name, "BDK." When she entered the I.C.U. at the V.A. Medical Center, many of her Acro buddies rallied to help the Siegel family secure experimental drugs to fight her illness.

Ms. Siegel also belonged to the Timeshare Users Group and, on more than one occasion, she donated a timeshare in Florida as a fundraiser item for the Greenbelt Nursery School silent auction.

Ms. Siegel is survived by her daughter, Shaine. She is also survived by a flock of siblings: her brothers Marc and Trevor of Greenbelt; her brother Kevin of Riva, Md.; her older twin sisters, Brandy McNeill of Annapolis and Sandra Stimson of Sparta, N.J.; her stepsister, Shelly Siegel-DonBullian of Chesapeake Beach and stepbrother Sean Arthurs of Morgantown, W.V. Ms. Siegel is also survived by her stepmother, Valerie Siegel of Alpine, Calif.; her biological mother Corri Merritt of Santa Fe, N.M.; and her grandmother, Ruth Siegel of Adelphi, Md.

Donations or contributions on behalf of Ms. Siegel can be made to the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770; phone 301-474-5642.

The Siegel family will hold a memorial service at Greenbelt Lake in the spring of 2004.

Carlton Sickles, A Tribute

Former Maryland Congressman Carlton Sickles died on Friday, January 16, 2004.

"Carlton Sickles was an absolutely wonderful man and devoted public servant. It is truly unfortunate that millions of people whose lives he touched during his 82 years never had the benefit of knowing him personally. I consider myself blessed that I did.

"Carlton's work and efforts throughout his life positively affected all those who call the Washington area home or who visit the nation's capital. He not only was a former Maryland legislator, Member of Congress, gubernatorial candidate and the 'father' of the Metrorail transit system, he also was a loving husband and father, a gracious and trusted colleague and an American patriot who believed deeply in public service.

"On a personal level, Carlton was a mentor and colleague for nearly four decades. But most importantly, he was a friend. I will always be indebted to Carlton for strongly encouraging me to first run for the Maryland State Senate in 1966 even though I was then a recent law school graduate who had never held public office before.

"Carlton was a role model who has left a tremendous legacy. There is no question but that his was a life well lived in the service of his community and his nation. He will be sorely missed."

—Congressman Steny Hoyer
Democratic Whip



Our condolences to the family and friends of PJ Siegel who died on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, from cancer. PJ was an active member of the Greenbelt community and will be missed.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Dale K. Nonnemacher, 72, from cancer on Thursday, January 15, 2004. Mr. Nonnemacher was a popular teacher who was highly recognized for his Parkdale High School choral and handbell choirs. Services were held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8424 Veterans Highway, Millersville, MD 21108.

Friends and former constituents of Carlton Sickles were sorry to learn of his death on Friday, January 16, 2004, at the age of 82. Sickles once served as U.S. Congressman where he represented Greenbelt.

Greenbelt friends were saddened to learn of the death of Jeanne Meneghini from cancer on January 15, 2004, at Georgetown University Hospital. Though a resident of Hyattsville, Mrs. Meneghini referred to herself as a Greenbelter. She exercised at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center almost daily with her close friends Marjorie Alley and Lucie MacKinnon, she shopped at the Co-op, enjoyed the New Deal Café, Beijing restaurant and other community amenities.

Five students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School were among those nominated to the four service academies from the 5th Congressional District by Congressman Steny Hoyer. They are: Air Force – Ariel Bailey, Matthew Hoffman, Jonathan Steiner and Claire Vazquez; and Navy – Matthew Hoffman, Kaylene Klingenstein, Jonathan Steiner and Claire Vazquez.


Chorus Auditions

The Maryland Chorus and music director Edward Maclary announce community member auditions, January 24 (1 to 4 p.m.) and 25 (7 to 9 p.m.). The season features two performances – with the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra in April, plus a concert in May in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 301-405-5571 for more information.

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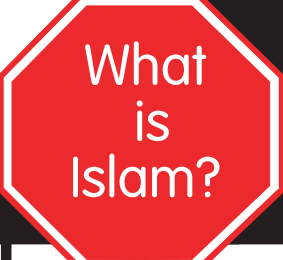
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Worship Service	11:00 am

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Tues. Lectionary Study 7:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Jan. 25, Traditional Service
Sermon Title: Finding Good News



The annual pilgrimage to Makkah – the Hajj – is an obligation for every Muslim male and female who is both physically and financially able to perform it.

Nearly two million people from every corner of the globe are currently enroute to Makkah to fulfill this obligation. Young and old, rich and poor, from every race, ethnic background and way of life, each will perform the same rituals exactly as the Prophet Muhammed (peace and blessing be upon him) did nearly 1400 years ago. To find out more about the Hajj or about Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

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huddle around a table at the opposite end of the room, preparing alternative designs that could be overlaid on the basic plan.

Why the Rebuilding

Duany set forth the reasons why rebuilding is being considered instead of rehabilitation. He noted that the central heating and air-conditioning system constructed in SHL is no longer efficient and is wearing out. Repairing the system is costly, as it requires digging up the grounds or tearing out walls. Nor do repairs make the system function more efficiently. The project does not lend itself well to being fixed, he told the group.

While SHL comprises somewhat less than half the city's population, it requires 75 percent of the resources of the Greenbelt Police Department, he said. The average number of people occupying each unit at SHL is much greater than it is for the rest of the city – more than three as compared to an average of 1.8 elsewhere. Many in attendance also believed that some apartments have more residents than are permitted by the lease.

Existing landscaping and lighting are conducive to criminal activity, Duany said. He told the group about CPTED, crime prevention through environmental design. Planners feel this concept can help curb crime in well-planned neighborhoods. "An awful lot more is now known about making places safer," he said.

Using rough figures, Duany said that SHL was now worth about \$250 million. Just to fix existing problems would cost \$90-100 million. For \$540 million, he felt the project could be reconstructed. That would bring AIMCO's total investment in Greenbelt to three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Density

DPZ's plan calls for building about 4,500 apartment and townhouse units, of which 265 would be for-sale, owner-occupied townhouses and the rest rentals. This many units would provide a density of about 28 units an acre. Joseph De Tuno, executive vice-president for redevelopment of AIMCO, commented that for apartments, 28 units to an acre is not dense – the standard is 40 units. Duany commented that while many in suburbia did not like high-density developments, many people in places like Georgetown enjoyed living in high-density environs.

Duany contended that his plan for rebuilding SHL would be in keeping with good smart-growth practices. The location was ideal, isolated from other residential neighborhoods with easy access to major highways and public transportation, near the proposed Greenbelt Metro Station development and next to another regional shopping center.

He predicted a much lower apartment turnover rate for the new development. In many areas, such as along Connecticut Avenue in the District and in Paris, apartment communities are stable and the preferred choice of many, he said.

Of the 4,500 apartment units to be built, about five percent would have their rent subsidized. The increased number of apartments was needed to make it

possible to have that many subsidized apartments. Rents currently range from \$900 to \$1,300 a month. The subsidized apartments would continue to rent at about \$1,000. Most apartments would rent from about \$1,500 to \$2,100. The high-end apartments could rent for as much as \$5,000. Duany noted that this would result in considerable economic diversity within the project.

Audience members, however, expressed concern with the small number of owner-occupied buildings. Duany contended that the small area of townhouses was needed to break the "mono-culture" of all rentals. De Tuno, however, said that AIMCO was an apartment management company, not a developer, and the profits in development for building and selling middle-class homes was small and could be wiped out by construction delays. "We have to do something here," he said. "But we have to make a return on what we do. For sale doesn't help us. It's a one-time shot."

Next Steps

At the conclusion of the charette, Duany posed the question, "How do we design a public process that gets a permit?" It was agreed that the first step would be to consult with the Board of Education, which will have to agree to the school relocation. Further discussion and review with city and county planning was another necessary step.

As to public involvement, Mayor Judith Davis suggested that Springhill Lake do a newsletter to its residents. She was advised that a newsletter was in the works. She also suggested another charette that was more open to the public. Duany agreed that it was important to get broad public participation and not just from a group with a special interest in the proposal.

Councilmember Edward Putens said he wanted to involve the Four Cities Coalition (city officials from Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton). Principal Linda Sherwood noted a 63 percent turnover rate at her school and difficulty in communicating with parents, although she has had some good results with Hispanic and Muslim parents.

Time Frame

De Tuno said he hopes a decision can be reached within a six-month period of time. He did not know how long it would take to get started building but would like the entire project completed within six years. Design work can be done, he suggested, while government approvals are being obtained. The relocation issue must also be worked out. AIMCO's choices are to do nothing, rehabilitate the apartments, rebuild the apartments or sell the project. However, the rehabilitation numbers do not work for them, De Tuno said, and he believes they can't just do nothing.

Duany said that involving citizens in the process can only work if what is proposed is a good project. He feels that this is a good project. However, the mortality rate for this type of project is extremely high. Only one in five succeed, he said.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building, Council Room,
Monday, January 26, 2004, 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #03-01 (Public Forum Outreach)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Resolution Number 910 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Roosevelt Center Merchants' Revolving Loan Fund – Briefing
- Community Center Bas-Reliefs - Grant Application to Maryland Historical Trust
- Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Monies (PY 29)
- Pending State Legislation
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR
JANUARY 26-30

Monday, January 26,
8:00pm, **City Council Meeting**, Municipal Building, "Live on Channel 71."

Wednesday, January 28,
8:00pm, **Council Work Session, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum Report**, Greenbelt Community Center.

GREENBELT
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MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, January 26th at 8:00pm: City Council Meeting "Live" **Tuesday & Thursday, January 27th & 29th: 6:00pm** "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary" **6:30pm** "ACE Reading Club-Magnolia Elementary" **7:00pm** "Replay of City Council Meeting 1/26" **PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, January 28th & 30th: 7pm** "University of Maryland Concert" **8:15pm** "Prince George's County Democratic

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, January 24, 2004
9am-12noon



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JANUARY 30th APPLICATION

DEADLINE FOR FOREST PRESERVE TASK FORCE

In October, the City Council adopted an ordinance to establish a Forest Preserve program for Greenbelt. At its December 15 meeting, the Council adopted a resolution establishing a Forest Preserve Task Force for the purpose of providing advisory guidance to the Council in formulating management and maintenance documents for the Forest Preserve, as well as making recommendations for the designation of Forest Preserve areas. It is expected that the Task Force will meet at least monthly for a period of up to two years. The Task Force will comprise eleven members, five of whom will be appointed from the membership of City Council advisory boards designated in the resolution. The other six members will serve at large. They must be residents of the City and may not be current members of City Council advisory boards or committees. Anyone who wishes to be considered for appointment as an at-large member of the Task Force should send a written expression of interest to Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, no later than January 30, 2004, at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770, or kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Please briefly describe the basis of your interest and experience for serving on the Forest Preserve Task Force, and give appropriate contact information for reaching you for an interview during February.

Copies of the Forest Preserve ordinance and the resolution establishing the Forest Preserve Task Force are available on the City Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us, or they may be requested from the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

LOVE NOTES
are coming! See page 11 for details.

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


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Wishbone Salad Dressings Asst. Varieties	89¢ 8 oz.
Skippy Peanut Butter Asst. Varieties	\$1³⁹ 18 oz.
Snyder's Pretzels Asst. Varieties	3/\$5⁰⁰ 14 oz.
Canada Dry Ginger Ale -or- 7 Up	99¢ 2 Liter
Ocean Spray Grapefruit Juice	\$1⁹⁹ 64 oz.
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Welch's Grape Jelly-or-Jam	\$1²⁹ 32 oz.
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Crest Pro Soft Spinbrush	\$4⁹⁹ Each
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Proctor Silex Toaster Oven	\$19⁹⁹ Each
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Haddon House Italian Style Roasted Peppers	99¢ 12 oz.

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Western Celery	99¢ Bunch
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murder
7100 block Mathew Street, January 11, 12:49 a.m., police responded to a report of a stabbing victim at Doctor's Community Hospital. A resident man reported that the ex-boyfriend of his current girlfriend entered his residence, stabbed him in the chest and fled the scene. An arrest warrant has been obtained charging Darryl Monroe Tucker, Jr., of Laurel with attempted first degree murder, assault, burglary, reckless endangerment and use of a deadly weapon with intent to injure. He is described as a black male, 21, 5'8", 145 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Rape
8000 block of Mandan Road, in reference to an assault that occurred December 30, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging Khodarahm Kalantari, of no fixed address, with rape and two counts of assault. He is described as a white male, 51, 6', 160 pounds with black hair and hazel eyes. The alleged suspect was known to the victim.

Attempted Arson
6900 block Hanover Parkway, January 12, 7:16 p.m., police responded to a report of two persons attempting to set a car on fire in a parking lot. Investigation revealed that the two placed gasoline soaked clothing in a vehicle and attempted to light it, but were unsuccessful. They then fled the scene. They are described as two black males, 15 to 19 years of age and 6' tall. One was wearing a white shirt and black pants and the other was wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

Concealed Weapon
6200 block Springhill Court, January 10, 12:14 a.m., a non-resident man was arrested and charged with concealed deadly weapon and a resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a suspicious parked vehicle. One occupant ducked down in the vehicle upon seeing the officer and attempted to flee the area on foot. She was detained on the scene and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to cut crack cocaine. She was released on citation pending trial. The man was located crawling next to the vehicle and was found to be in possession of a straight edge knife. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drugs
7200 block Hanover Drive, January 11, 12:20 a.m., two non-resident men were arrested and charged with possession of cocaine. One was also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of two men using drugs inside a restroom at the Holiday Inn. An officer observed one man drop paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana to the ground and attempt to flee the scene on foot. He was detained and found to be in possession of suspected cocaine and marijuana.

The other man was also found to be in possession of suspected cocaine and marijuana. Both were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft
Beltway Plaza Mall, January 15, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use, theft, false statement and traffic citations. A second nonresident man was also arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use, theft and malicious destruction. Police responded to a report of a vehicle weaving through traffic. The vehicle was seen driving onto the parking lot of the mall, where the driver attempted to elude the police. The vehicle, a 1995 Mazda 626 4-door, was stopped and investigation revealed that it had been reported stolen. Both men were arrested and transported to the station, where one gave a false name to police and the other vandalized a holding cell. Both were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Failure to Obey
T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, January 11, 1:02 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with failure to obey a lawful order, malicious destruction and false statement. Police broke up a fight between patrons at the restaurant and the combatants were ordered to leave the property. One man refused to leave and was arrested. He also gave officers a false name. Investigation revealed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Disorderly Intoxication
7400 block Hanover Parkway, January 8, 11:59 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. Police responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of Martin's Crosswinds. One man became loud and disorderly when police attempted to talk to him. He was released on citation pending trial.

Indecent Exposure
Beltway Plaza Mall, January 9, 5:38 p.m., a woman reported that she was walking toward a rear entrance door at the mall when a man drove by her, exposing himself to her. He then drove away. He is described as a white or Hispanic male with black hair, wearing no clothing. The vehicle is described as a newer model dark-colored passenger car with a sunroof.

Burglary
9000 block Breezewood Terrace, January 9, 6:21 p.m., unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door lock. Entry was not gained.
Mowatt United Methodist Church, January 12, 7:09 p.m., unknown person(s) attempted to

break into the church by tampering with the door locks. Entry was not gained.

9300 block Edmonston Road, January 13, 6:12 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking out a bedroom window. Money and compact discs were taken.

100 block Hedgewood, January 13, 7:07 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking out a sliding glass door. Jewelry was taken.

100 block Rosewood Drive, January 13, 10:24 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. Money was taken.

9100 block Edmonston Road, January 14, 9:29 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of an unlocked kitchen window. A video game player and video games were taken.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, January 14, 9:48 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence possibly by way of an unlocked sliding glass door. It is unknown if anything was taken.

9300 block Edmonston Road, January 14, 9:54 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a kitchen window. Stereo equipment was taken.

Motor Vehicle Crimes
The following vehicles were stolen: a 2003 Cadillac Escalade EXT, January 8, from the 6500 block Capitol Drive, recovered the same day by the U.S. Capitol Police, one arrest was made; a 2000 Dodge Stratus 4-door, January 10, from the 100 block Westway, recovered January 12 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrest; a 1999 Plymouth Breeze 4-door, January 11, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrest; a 1998 Chrysler Cirrus LX1 4-door, January 11, from the 7200 block Morrison Drive, recovered the next day by the Metropolitan Police Department, no arrest; a green 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier 2-door, D.C. tags BR5783, January 11, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a red 2000 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags HFC186, January 12, from the 100 block Lastner Lane; a dark blue 2001 Dodge Stratus, Maryland tags JXR739, January 12, from the 7600 block Mandan Road; a green 1993 Honda Accord 4-door, Virginia tags ZAE2785, January 14, from the 7800 block Mandan Road; and a 1982 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, January 15, from the 8000 block Mandan Road, recovered the same day by the owner, no arrest.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalisms to, thefts to and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents), 65 court Ridge Road, unit block Hillside, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Jacobs Drive (two incidents), 8200 block Canning Terrace, 7300 block Morrison Drive and 100 block Whitebirch Court.

WMATA Hearing

The Bi-county Committee of the Prince George's County House Delegation will hold a hearing on February 3 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 202 of the Lowe House Building. The focus of this meeting will be a briefing by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) on plans for development around Metro stations located in Prince George's County.

For additional information call Kate O'Connor at 301-858-3326.

Magnet Schools Info Session

Families will have an opportunity to learn about magnet school programs and lottery student placement procedures January 26 at Parkdale High School from 5 to 8 p.m.

The deadline for magnet lottery applications is February 6. To learn more visit the website at www.pgcps.org/~magnet.

Reception/Rally For Thornton Plan

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce will host the Legislative Reception on Monday, January 26 at Governor Calvert House in Annapolis from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The reception is in support of the Prince George's County public schools and primarily the Bridge to Excellence Act of 2002 (Thornton Commission). The reception will be held immediately preceding the Thornton Rally.

Invited speakers include Dr. Andre Hornsby, Prince George's County public school superintendent; Senator Paul G. Pinsky; Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard, chair of the county's House delegation; Dr. Beatrice Tignor, Prince George's County Board of Education; and Richard K. Reed, chair of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

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Howard County to provide this service.

Although the cost to run the program will increase approximately \$50,000 annually, receipts will continue to exceed expenditures, city staff explained. LaserCraft charges more per camera – an estimated eight cameras for Greenbelt – but does not charge a per citation fee but follows a formula based on the number of cameras in operation allocated proportionally by the number of citations produced by each city or county.

The city chose not to accept an interim contract with Traffipax to allow for a longer period to assess the situation but was ready to make the final decision, which continued the regional agreement. Council restated that the red light program is a safety program, designed to reduce the number of motorists who run red lights and to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

Snow Removal

Kenny Hall, director of public works, presented a report evaluating the removal of snow from walkways during the February 2003 blizzard – sixth largest snow storm in recorded history for the Washington metropolitan area. The report indicated that the city had done a good job with the roadways, but due to the volume of snow, walkways were not cleared as quickly as usual. Substantial amounts of snow had to be placed on walkways due to lack of other space. Davis said the city is well-known for its good job in clearing away the snow. She said she heard from people who live elsewhere and work in Greenbelt that they always “know that Greenbelt streets will be cleared.”

There was some discussion of people’s responsibility to clear sidewalks in front of their

homes. Hall indicated that he thought that most residents did a good job but that for some elderly residents it is difficult and that during the 2003 snow it was a challenge for everyone.

He outlined several recommendations to improve removal efforts in heavy snowstorms. He suggested equipping tractors with V plows to clear deeper snow; using agricultural-tread tires for better traction; and finally, outfitting a third small tractor with a plow, chains and enclosed cab for heavy-duty work. Finally, he thought there could have been a better effort to communicate with citizens about the snow removal plan.

For example, in this storm, the city opted for clearing off the main inner walkway between Ridge and Crescent prior to school opening rather than clearing Ridge Road sidewalks. The city has a priority system to identify the order in which sidewalks are tackled. Priority 1 and 2 are cleared continuously or by opening of the facility. Priority 1 sidewalks include those by the city offices, from Green Ridge House to Roosevelt Center, walks connecting stores and parking at Roosevelt Center, by all city schools and the police station.

Examples of Priority 2 walkways are those by the Community Center, library, to the underpasses and sidewalks leading to the Metro station. Even priority 3 sidewalks, which include most of those in the rest of the city, are usually cleared at the end of the storm or within a day or two.

In the 2003 storm, some sidewalks weren’t cleared until a week or more after the storm because the snow was too deep for current equipment. Hall said the city did not want to invest in equipment that would be used

only for the rare blizzard, but that certain improvements would aid in the regular heavy snows.

Metro Access

The State Highway Administration will be holding a Location/Design Public Hearing on the I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study on January 22. The hearing’s purpose is to receive comments on the three design alternatives considered for construction of a full Beltway interchange at the Greenbelt station site.

The first alternative is a no-build alternative, the one traditionally supported by the city council. Under this alternative, no new ramps or access improvements would be added; routine maintenance would be provided for the existing points into the Metro station.

Celia Craze, planning and community development director, summarized the three alternatives. Alternatives 2 and 3 would cause substantial environmental impact, up to 13 acres affected. She indicated that the effects on local roads had not been sufficiently assessed and that concerns still exist about public monies used to subsidize private investment.

Council agreed to maintain its often-stated opposition to building additional access roads to the Metro station by sending a letter to the State Highway Administration supporting the no-build alternative.

Other Matters

Residents of Charlestowne North made a presentation to the city and to County Councilmember Douglas Peters in appreciation for assistance in dealing with the recent rent increase problem. Successful negotiation with the owners resulted in a substantially lower rent increase.

After many years of effort and negotiation by the city council,



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Greenbelt City Council is presented the deed to the Sunrise property by representatives of the Peterson Companies. L to R: Former Councilmember Thomas White; Councilmembers Leta Mach and Ed Putens; Andre Gingles, attorney for Peterson Companies; Councilmember Konrad Herling; Mayor Judith Davis; Mayor Pro tem Rodney Roberts; Paul Weinschenk of the Peterson Companies; City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Solicitor Robert Manzi.

the 10-acre Sunrise property at the end of Hanover Drive was sold to the city on October 16. Paul Weinschenk of the Peterson Companies and Andre Gingles, attorney representing the company, presented the deed to the city. McLaughlin presented service recognition pins to Council-

members Davis and Rodney Roberts for 10 years and Edward Putens for 20 years of service to the city. He also presented recently retired Councilmember Thomas White with a pin to commemorate his 30 years of service and announced a celebration in White’s honor on February 8.

City Notes

During the week of January 12 the streets crew installed bollards and signage at the new traffic circle on Hanover Parkway, repaired potholes throughout the city, removed seven tree stumps on Hanover Parkway and checked city streets for ice and spread salt where necessary.

The parks crew picked up discarded Christmas trees throughout the city, cleaned the park area between 11 and 13 Courts of Ridge Road and posted a sign at the 2 Court Gardenway playground for a meeting regarding proposed im-

provements in the area. They also filled in low areas on Braden Field and repaired damage caused by vandalism.

The cleaning crew refinished the main corridors in the Community Center and did routine cleaning in all city buildings.

The horticulture crew cleaned landscaped beds on Mandan Road, Hanover Parkway and Southway, around Roosevelt Center and at the entrance to Boxwood. They also chipped branches at the Lake Park and around the city.

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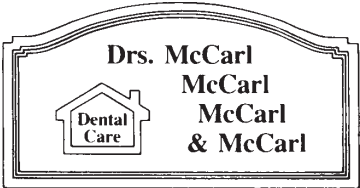
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Lifestyle Lecture

Learn about health risks facing people today. Simple lifestyle changes can make it possible to live a happier life. The free lecture will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park. To register call 301-315-3136.

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Find out about plant-based alternatives to petroleum-based products for home and industry. The Agricultural Research Service, USDA's in-house research agency, has developed bio-based products as diverse as diesel fuel made from soybeans to super-slurper – a corn starch product that soaks up 2,000 times its weight in moisture. "Industrial Strength Plants" will take place Friday, January 30 from noon to 1 p.m. The program is free. To register call the U.S. Botanic Garden at 202-226-4082.

Garden Club Meets

Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The speaker for this month is Robert Griesbach, Ph.D. Griesbach's topic will be "What Makes an Orchid an Orchid?" Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is welcomed. For more information contact Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733.

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Design for a New Springhill Lake Is Both Ambitious and Imaginative

by James Giese

The concept plan for replacing the nearly 3,000 unit Springhill Lake apartments with 4,500 modern apartments proposed at the January 13 design charette was prepared by famed planner Andres Duany and the award-winning architecture firm of Duany Platter-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). Duany, who teaches planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, is one of the founders of the New Urbanism Movement, which seeks to make cities and towns more livable and pedestrian-oriented.

For the most part, the concept plan engendered little objection from the owners and the city and county officials who were in attendance. City Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern with the increased density and insufficient amenities, particularly ballfields. Also, as a result of input from those attending, alternate proposals were devised for the location of a new elementary school and city recreation center and for a small number of townhouses to be built for sale rather than as rentals.

DPZ's plan would utilize the existing road network, Duany said. A new street system would entail extensive regrading of the site, the loss of trees and the relocation of public utilities. However, many of the existing private roadways are now extensive parking lots with cars parked perpendicular to the road along both sides.

Instead, DPZ proposes putting much of the parking in subgrade parking structures and would limit roadside parking to parallel parking. Many streets would be built with landscaped median strips. Duany contended that parallel parking was a great way to curtail excess speeds on neighborhood streets.

Entrances

The pointed corner of Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive would be the location for an entrance facility to the new project. It would have a swimming pool and a building to house bathhouse facilities and temporarily house rental offices. Eventually the building might become a clubhouse and swimming pool for the townhouses to be built along Breezewood Drive. It is intended that the development not be a gated community; common areas would be open to the general public.

Ultimately the main entrance to the new development will be at Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive and be oriented toward the proposed Metrolands development. The plan calls for a pedestrian walkway from that intersection to cross Indian Creek and access the Metro development and station. On either side of Springhill Drive would be tower apartment buildings that will be seen over the trees from the Metro station.

Most of the apartment buildings would have four stories or less, as that is the most economical type of structure to build. In the relatively level areas of the site, along Cherrywood Lane and the east side of Springhill Lane, perimeter block apartment buildings would be used. At first Duany called this style of building "Texas Doughnuts," but later stopped using the name following

objections by some.

These buildings would be four-story, U-shaped elevator buildings, with two such buildings paired together. In some cases, the interior of the "U" would face the street, much like many apartment buildings along Connecticut Avenue. In others the interior of the "U" would face an opposing building's interior to form a sort of courtyard for amenities such as swimming pools. Parking would be in two levels under the courtyards and buildings.

On the hillier portions of the site, six-unit, three-story buildings (six-plexes) would be built. These would be walk-up apartments with parking in the rear. The smaller size would enable these buildings to be placed stepwise on the hillsides. A few of the buildings would feature loft apartments with two-story living rooms and large windows.

The townhouses would be located in clusters along Breezewood Drive, some being owner-occupied and others rental. The plan proposes that the rentals be located across from the Greenbelt Middle School property and the owner-occupied homes across from the rear of Beltway Plaza.

The low point of the site is where Springhill Lake Elementary School is now located. It would be torn down and replaced elsewhere. At this site, a new lake would be constructed to serve as a storm water retention pond and also to be a significant landscape feature. The lake would be about a block long.

Town Square

Across Springhill Drive from the lake would be a small commercial center and a town square. The commercial building would house about 17-25,000 square feet of retail space such as small food shops, convenience stores and coffee shops. Duany envisioned residents coming to the town center for a cup of coffee before taking a jitney bus serving the project to the Metro station and, in the evening, being a place to pick up a few things for the evening's dinner.

Across the lake would be some featured apartment buildings overlooking the lake on one side and the woodland stream valley on the other. At one corner of the lake Duany envisions a semi-circular building fronting the lake with expensive apartments to accommodate corporate executives. Next to it would be an imposing clubhouse facility with an indoor swimming pool for the project.

School Site

Locations of the new school and city recreation building were of greatest concern to many attending. The DPZ plan initially called for the school to be built on middle school property at the southeast corner of Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive. Duany envisioned the building on top of a hill and clearly visible as one drove south on Springhill Lane. To the east of the school would be a new recreation center to be as large as the existing center with its planned addition. (The bond funds allocated for the addition would be used to pay for part of the new building's cost.)

In the original DPZ plan the existing school bus parking lot would be relocated elsewhere, ap-

parently with Board of Education concurrence. That site would be made into two ballfields to serve the two schools and the recreation center.

Some felt that ballfield facilities would be inadequate as proposed and others felt that the elementary school should be separated from the middle school. Councilmember Leta Mach contended that close proximity of the two schools would cause some parents not to enroll their children in the elementary school. Rodney Roberts expressed concern that insufficient ballfields would cause residents to demand more ballfields elsewhere and threaten the city's newly established forest preserve.

DPZ devised an alternate plan that would place the new elementary school and recreation center near the existing recreation center and old par 3 golf course. Ballfields would then be constructed alongside the Beltway at the end of Edmonston Road in the area now known as Section 9 of SHL. This plan called for more ballfields than the first plan.

Planning Director Celia Craze also noted that a school there would better serve the residents of the Metro area development. Duany noted the site would be convenient to parents dropping off children on their way to work via Metro, but Linda Sherwood, principal at Springhill Lake, noted that many parents had children to drop off at both elementary and middle schools. Others expressed concern that some of the ballfields might be located in flood plains, although others felt that that would not be a problem. It was agreed that the site required further study.

If the school were to be located off Cherrywood Lane with ballfields, then it would be necessary for much of the school board bus lot property to be given to AIMCO in exchange. AIMCO would use the land for a new access road into Springhill Lake from Greenbelt Road and for the construction of apartments in place of those lost at the end of Edmonston Road by the revised plan.

Townhouses

In the original plan, the 265 owner-occupied townhouses were to be along Breezewood Drive facing the rear of the Beltway Plaza. Concern was expressed as to who would buy homes with such a view. Quantum Company General Counsel Marc "Kap" Kapistan, representing Beltway Plaza, said the center planned to build stores to face Breezewood Drive. This would screen the rear of the existing buildings from the view of the townhouses. He also said that there were other ways to screen the rear of the buildings.

Duany felt that AIMCO could not rely on future plans of Beltway Plaza. At the charette DPZ developed alternative plans for the townhouses. The first called for the homes to be turned around with their backs toward the shopping center. Breezewood traffic would be diverted at Springhill Lane to a road fronting the townhouses. The existing road would become an alley to serve the rear of the homes.

The most elaborate solution called for a large portion of the back of the shopping center to be

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Education land, requiring Greenbelt to negotiate with the board instead of having a free hand.

"I'd like the recreation center to stay where it is," the mayor told the News Review. "Here we can enlarge it as needed." She also expressed some preference for locating the new elementary school near the recreation center.

Overall, Davis stated that the AIMCO plan was a long-term concept that might take five to 10 years. "It's definitely an urban design with a Main Street look. There are stores, some with apartments above them, and some spaces for artists. Interesting ideas. I have lots of concerns but it was very good to see what could be done. I hope (the planners) keep fine-tuning their ideas so that everyone comes out a winner."

Bill Wilkerson

Chairman of Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board (APB) Bill Wilkerson retired three years ago from his position as a land-use and community planner for Prince George's County at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. When interviewed by the News Review he stressed that the APB has not yet taken a position on the AIMCO proposal for Springhill Lake. Still, at first glance it seems a "huge opportunity for the city because Springhill Lake is a problem. The property is outdated, falling apart."

The charette was "very well done," he said. He particularly liked the fact that the planning staff under Andres Duany made revisions to the proposed plan as the charette progressed, using input from those present. "The fact that they hired Duany is a big plus," he said. "It indicates they're serious. He's well known in planning and architecture circles."

Duany's plan, he said, uses the "New Urbanism" approach for which he is noted. Sometimes referred to as "Neo-Traditional Design" or NTD, this architectural philosophy favors more pedestrian-oriented communities that return in some ways to the land-use methods of earlier, smaller cities before today's over-reliance on the automobile. Wilkerson commented that the design of Old Greenbelt itself is in many ways an example of this planning style and was studied by AIMCO's planners. "If this goes forward it will set a tone for the Metroland development, which has been criticized for not being pedestrian-oriented enough."

Wilkerson noted that the design itself was "really well done" in the way it takes the topography into account. He also liked the fact that the main entrance would face in the direction of the Metro property from which much of the traffic would be coming in the future. A second entrance would face Greenbelt Road.

Drawing on his extensive ca-

reer as a planner, Wilkerson took the long view when he said, "I think the city is getting to a stage in its development where redevelopment is the next phase. This may be the beginning of this phase. Greenbelt has a lot of office buildings sitting in a sea of asphalt in the office park areas." These, he indicated, may eventually be due for some changes in the way the land is utilized.

Councilman Putens

Enthusiasm was expressed by Greenbelt City Councilman Ed Putens, who was "very happy they're doing something. They're making a huge investment and they have to get their money back, I realize that. I'd like to see the density reduced. I don't know where the happy medium is." He "loved the architecture," he said, although he wished some of the buildings would "go higher" so that more open land would be left.

Although the AIMCO planners have no direct connection with the Beltway Plaza shopping center, which borders SHL on the south, they put forth a tentative proposal for upgrading the plaza's unsightly north side, adding a row of new shops and facing some of the new housing units in their direction. This Putens found particularly intriguing, as he has long wanted to see improvements in Beltway Plaza. He noted that if a new, up-scale SHL is built, the tenants will want to shop nearby and Beltway Plaza is a logical place.

Putens liked the idea of relocating the elementary school near the middle school, with the recreation center between the two, characterizing this as a "unique opportunity." He stated it would be more convenient for parents who need to drop off children at both elementary and middle schools and that kids would make more use of the recreation center for after-school tutoring and supervised recreation.

Officer Mathews

Among those present at the charette was Officer George Mathews, who serves as Greenbelt's Community Relations Officer and Crime Prevention Officer. Noting that "Springhill Lake has taken a lot of our resources," he said he was impressed by the design team's determination to learn from some of the architectural mistakes of the present development and make sure certain anti-crime measures would be built-in from the start.

Among these are adequate lighting and providing a clear line of sight so that people can safely get to their destinations. Remote, isolated areas that could be used for criminal activities have been avoided. Mathews said the planners felt that the more people were out and about, the safer pedestrians would be, and they have included amenities conducive to walking, like a town square.

sold off for townhouse development by the same owner as the SHL owner-occupied townhouses, making the center a mixed-use facility, advocated as smart growth. In this scenario Breezewood would continue to serve as the frontage road for the townhouse development. Townhouses located on the present shopping center property would back to the commercial buildings.

Duany would also like to see

a roadway that would run from the town square to Breezewood Drive extended into the shopping center and to run through the middle of the mall building to access the stores on the south side of the center. This elaborate townhouse plan envisions townhouses facing the road between the mall building and Breezewood Drive. Kapistan left before this plan was presented and did not comment on it.